

## **RM-10786 & RM-10787**

**I am in full support of the petitions submitted by No-Code International (RM-10786) and the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (RM-10787) to eliminate the 5 WPM Element 1 Morse code testing requirement.**

**The current requirement for element 1 Morse code testing has become an outdated and unnecessary element of Amateur Radio. I personally learned Morse code just well enough to pass the 5 WPM element 1 code test and have never used Morse code as a mode of communications as a Technician Plus, General or Amateur Extra. Amateur Radio has many modes of communications that will appeal to a wide variety of Amateur Radio Operators. These modes include Packet, PSK-31, RTTY, SSTV, SSB and many other modes that require no testing.**

**Because of technological advances, the element 1 Morse code testing has become inconsistent with the goals of the Amateur Radio Service since it provides a barrier to otherwise qualified individuals who wish to experiment and communicate below 30 MHz.**

**As for myself and most Americans, it is difficult to find the time to study and become proficient in Morse code to pass the element 1 examination with the duties one has with their job, family and other activities. It is much simpler to find time to study the written elements 2, 3 and 4.**

**I am a volunteer examiner with the ARRL and W5YI (VE-24134) and administer Amateur Radio Examinations each month. I see a much higher level of stress by those taking the element 1 Morse code examination and the Volunteer Examiners administering the examination hoping the testing equipment will function correctly.**

**Again I support the petitions RM-10786 and RM-10787 for eliminating the Element 1 Morse code test requirement. Please give it your consideration.**

**Sincerely,  
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